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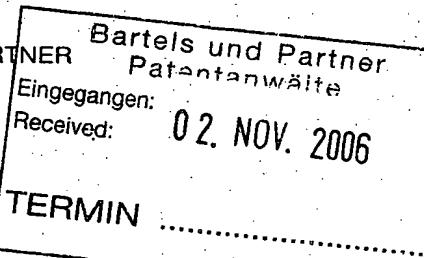
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10 December 2004 (10.12.2004)

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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Applicant's or agent's file reference 40cdh/229251	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/EP2004/014051	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 10 December 2004 (10.12.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 16 January 2004 (16.01.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant HYDAC TECHNOLOGY GMBH			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC F15B1/24, F16L55/04			
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 a sequence listing
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 - b. format of material
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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement																									
<p>1. Statement</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%; padding-right: 10px;">Novelty (N)</td> <td style="width: 60%; padding-right: 10px;">Claims</td> <td style="width: 20%;"><u>2, 3, 6</u></td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims</td> <td><u>1, 4, 5, 7, 8</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-top: 10px;">Inventive step (IS)</td> <td>Claims</td> <td><u>6</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims</td> <td><u>1-8</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-top: 10px;">Industrial applicability (IA)</td> <td>Claims</td> <td><u>1-8</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">NO</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>Reference is made to the following documents:</p> <p>D1: US-B1-6 612 339 (WILKE WESTLEY J ET AL) 2 September 2003 (2003-09-02)</p> <p>D2: US-A-5 363 744 (PICHLER ET AL) 15 November 1994 (1994-11-15)</p> <p>D3: US-A-5 992 948 (GOWDA ET AL) 30 November 1999 (1999-11-30)</p> <p>D4: EP-A-0 261 293 (SOCIETE ANONYME DITE LE JOINT FRANCAIS) 30 March 1988 (1988-03-30)</p> <p>D5: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN Vol. 2000, No. 15, 6 April 2001 (2001-04-06)-& JP 2000 346002 A (NOK CORP), 12 December 2000 (2000-12-12)</p> <p>1. D1 shows all of the features of claim 1, i.e.: a piston-type accumulator 10 with a separator piston 30 axially displaceable within an accumulator housing 12, the said separator piston separating two spaces from each other inside the accumulator housing, wherein the said separator piston is composed predominantly of a synthetic material (see column 4, lines 7-9).</p> <p>2. The other documents cited in the search report are also prejudicial to the novelty of the subject matter of</p>			Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>2, 3, 6</u>	YES		Claims	<u>1, 4, 5, 7, 8</u>	NO	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>6</u>	YES		Claims	<u>1-8</u>	NO	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES		Claims		NO
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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<p>claim 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- D2: see in particular the separator piston 14 made of synthetic material (column 3, lines 16-31),- D3: see in particular the separator piston 72 made of synthetic material (column 3, line 56 to column 4, line 38),- D4: see in particular the separator piston 2 made of synthetic material (column 2, lines 5-32),- D5: see in particular the separator piston 1 made of synthetic material (title and figure 1-2). <p>3. Claims 2-3 cannot be considered to involve inventive step in comparison with the piston disclosed in D1, as fibreglass reinforced synthetic materials are generally known.</p> <p>4. The features of claims 4-5 and 7 are disclosed in D1 (see the reinforcement bars 62).</p> <p>5. The features of claim 8 are disclosed in D5 (see the two grooves 15 in figure 1).</p>	